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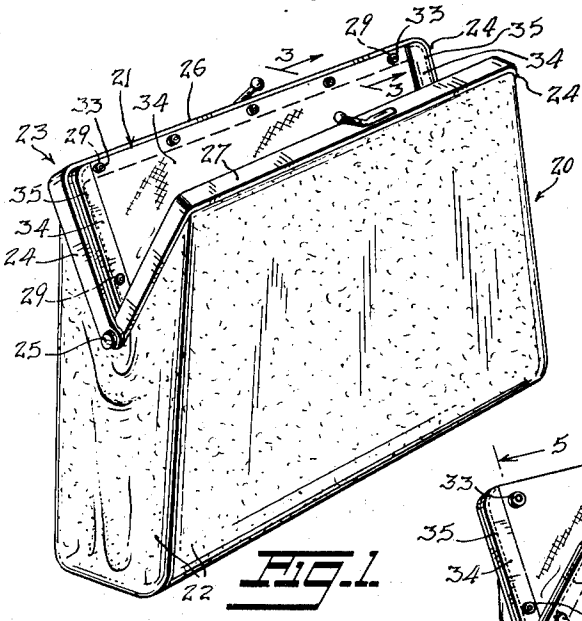


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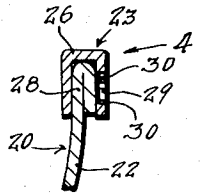


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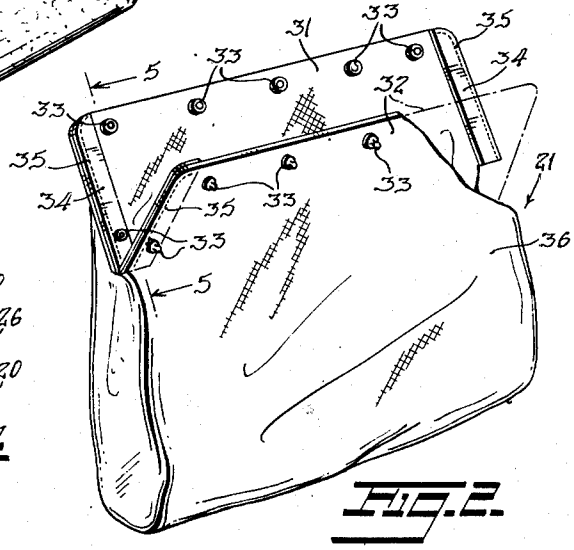


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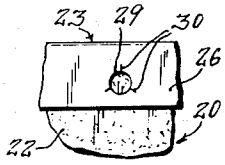


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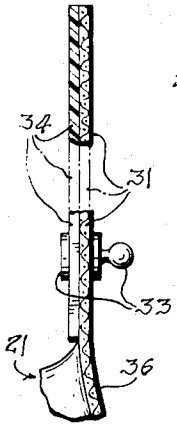


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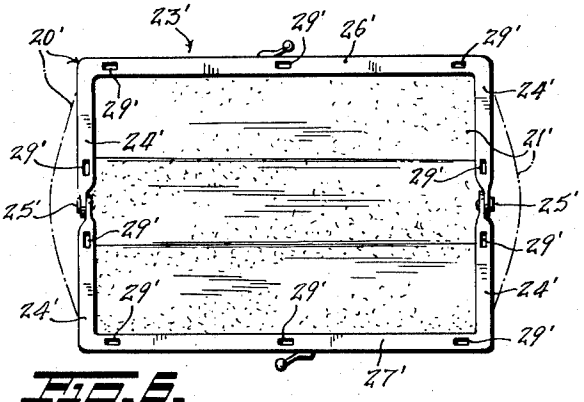


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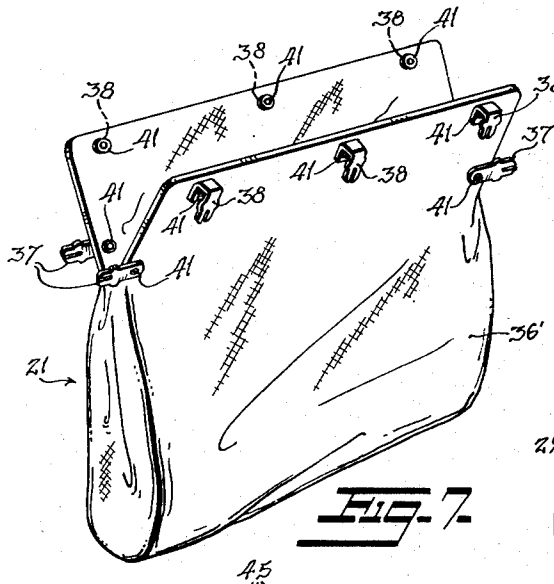


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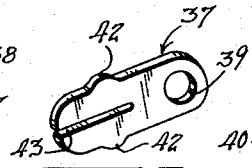


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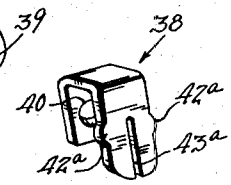


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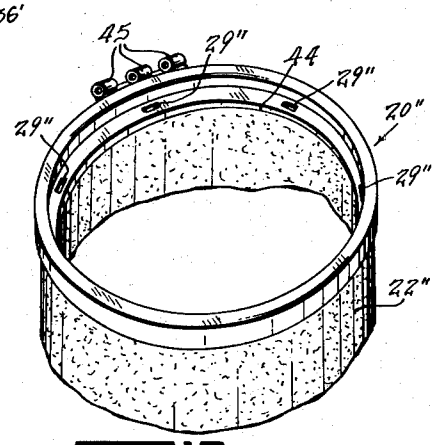


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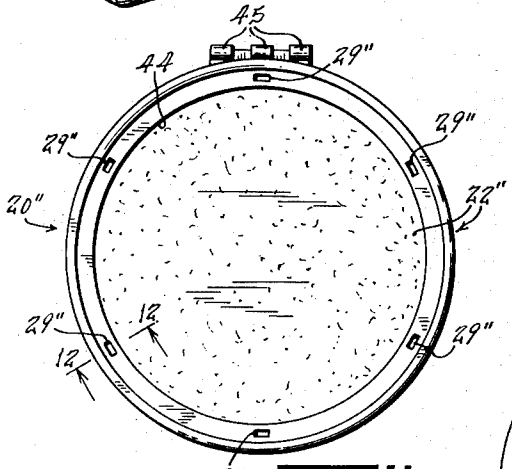


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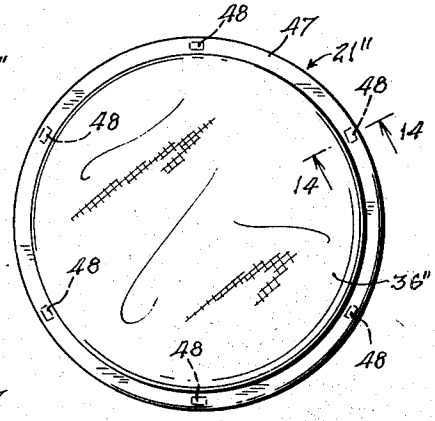


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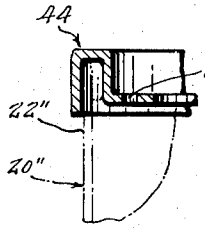


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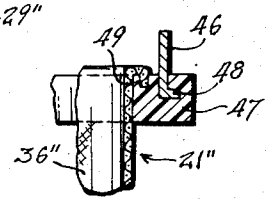


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This invention relates to new and useful improvements in interchangeable and renewable linings for pocket-books, purses, ladies' handbags and the like.

More particularly, the present invention proposes the construction of a removable handbag lining in which attachment of the lining is accomplished without stitching, clamping, crimping or other mode of attachment which involves permanent deformation of parts of the rigid frame forming part of the bag and employed at the top opening thereof.

According to the present invention, the combination is provided of a bag, regardless of its type and shape or the material used for its pouch, and also regardless of whether or not the bag, at such body, is made of one piece of a selected material, as, for instance, leather, imitation leather, thin sheet metal, woven straw, or suede, or several pieces of said selected material, and in the latter case, regardless of the way such pieces are connected, as by stitching, cementing or otherwise; a bag frame forming with the pouch an outer handbag body; a lining complete as such and shaped properly to fit within the handbag body; and a unique kind of fastening means, partially carried by the lining in such manner that the lining may easily and expeditiously be put properly in place inside the handbag body and releasably secured so in place.

For further comprehension of the invention, and of the objects and advantages thereof, reference will be had to the following description and accompanying drawings, and to the appended claims in which the various novel features of the invention are more particularly set forth.

In the accompanying drawings forming a material part of this disclosure:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of one type of ladies' handbag in open position and having an interchangeable lining in accordance with the present invention.

Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the lining, per se, with parts thereof cut away.

Fig. 3 is an enlarged fragmentary detail sectional view taken on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 4 side elevationally shows the parts seen in Fig. 3, looking toward the latter in the direction of the arrow 4 shown in Fig. 3.

Fig. 5 is a partial vertical sectional view of the lining taken on the line 5—5 of Fig. 2.

Fig. 6 is a top plan view showing a modification of the present invention, as applied to a purse type of bag; showing the hinge-incorporating

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frame opened wide—with the opposite end portions of the bag, indicated in dot and dash lines.

Fig. 7 is a perspective view of the lining used in the form of the invention shown in Fig. 6.

Fig. 8 is an enlarged perspective view of one of several substantially flat metal tabs carried by the lining.

Fig. 9 is an enlarged perspective view of one of several U-shaped metal tabs carried by the lining.

Fig. 10 is a perspective view showing still another modification of the present invention, as applied to one form of a "round" type of bag; this view illustrating merely the bag's main structure, and with its pouch or other main body only fragmentarily shown.

Fig. 11 is a top plan view of Fig. 10.

Fig. 12 is an enlarged partial vertical sectional view taken on the line 12—12 of Fig. 11.

Fig. 13 is a bottom plan view showing, detached, the lining for use with the bag of Figs. 10—12.

Fig. 14 is an enlarged partial vertical sectional view taken on the line 14—14 of Fig. 13, but in upside down position.

The handbag, according to the first form of the present invention shown in Figs. 1 to 5, includes an outer handbag body 20 and an inner removable lining 21.

The outer handbag body 20 is comprised of a flexible pouch 22 of miniature satchel type and having an openable top mouth attended by a U-shaped frame 23, with the legs 24 of each of the frame members 26 and 27, at the free ends of the legs where they meet in pairs in the customary way, being hingedly connected as indicated at 25 at the near side of Fig 1.

Each of the U-shaped frame members 26 and 27, is, in accordance with standard practice, of U-shaped cross-section substantially from end to end, for securement in the channel thereby provided, in any of the usual ways, of the upper marginal portion 28 (Fig. 3) of the pouch 22.

The inwardly facing side flanges of the U-shaped frame members 26 and 27 integrally carry a suitable number of snap fastener elements 29, corresponding to the number of complementary snap fastener elements on the lining 21 as hereinafter more fully explained. In the present case, the snap fastener elements 29 are shown as being present to a total of fourteen; with five of said elements along the main central length of the flange of the frame member 26; with one other thereof carried by each of the legs 24 of the frame member 26 near the pivotally joined ends of said legs; and with seven similarly located snap

fastener elements 29 carried by the other frame member 27 of the frame 23.

The novel characteristics of each of the snap fastener elements 29 is clearly shown in Figs. 3 and 4, wherein it will be noted that each (these being the socketing elements of the snap fasteners) comprises merely a circular aperture pierced through a flange as mentioned and desirably relieved by a suitable plurality of radially outwardly extending short slits 30.

The relative compressibility of the marginal portion 28 of the flexible pouch 22 as shown in Fig. 3, affords a yield sufficient to permit the post-type elements 33 of the snap fasteners to be readily pressed into the snap fastener elements 29.

The lining 21, desirably made according to a size and cut so as to drape in and fit within the handbag body 20, thereby to insure that the lining material will be relieved of strain and wear to the maximum, is at its upper portion shaped as shown in Fig. 2 to have a pair of side flap portions 31 and 32 of proper area and with the ends of each substantially coextensive in length with the four legs 24 of the U-shaped frame 23. The previously mentioned post-type fastener elements 33, seven here shown are carried by each of the side flap portions 31 and 32.

To obtain a snug fit of the entirety of the upper portion of the lining 21 within the handbag body 20, despite the use of merely a single snap fastener element 33 down low on each of four ends of the side flap portions 31 and 32, four identical strip-like fortifying pieces 34 are suitably attached, as by stitching 35, to the four ends of the two side flap portions 31 and 32. If desired, the pieces 34 may be of plastic with their attachment effected by means of a suitable adhesive, as in that case there will be absolutely no need to finish-seam the cloth or the like constituting the main portion 36 of the lining 21, even where it is desired to avoid any possible chance of unravelling of such cloth, at a cut edge thereof, as along said flap ends.

In applying the lining 21, it is merely necessary to drop the main portion 36 thereof down into the outer handbag body 20, and then couple up the snap fasteners; the easiest procedure in this last regard being first to engage the fastener elements 33 carried by the pieces 34 with their respective snap fastener elements 29, and finally engage the remaining ten elements 33 with their respective snap fastener elements 29.

For simplification of description, neither in the case of the pouch 22 of the outer handbag body 20, nor in the case of the main portion 36 of the lining 21, has any attempt been made to show or indicate seamings or the like; since as already stated herein, the invention is not to be limited by such details of design. This comment applies, of course, not only to the embodiment just above described, but also to those next to be described.

Referring now to the form of the invention illustrated in Figs. 6–9, the parts to which are applied reference numerals with primes added correspond, respectively, to the parts to which have been applied the same reference numerals but without primes.

The fastener elements 29' are shown as slots, while the cooperating fastener elements are tabs 37 and 38, of metal or plastic. The tabs 37 are like the tabs 28 in that all tabs are shown as having an aperture 39 or 40, for use in connection with say tubular rivets 41, for mounting the tabs, and also in that the free end portion of each tab is oppositely humped at its two sides, as at 42 or 42a, and said tab end portion is in effect a resilient fork, the tines of which are normally separated by a slit 43 or 43a. Here, for example, the post element of a fastener is slightly resiliently yieldable incidental to becoming coupled to the socket element of the fastener, thus providing a new type of snap fastener; whereas in the case of the snap fastener elements disclosed in Figs. 1–4, it is the socket element which is yieldable. For a reason which will be understood, the tabs 37 are flat, while the tabs 38 are U-shaped.

Referring to the embodiment illustrated in Figs. 10–14, the parts to which are applied reference numerals with double primes added correspond, respectively, to the parts to which have been applied the same reference numerals but without primes.

Here, it will be noted, the round frame 44 of the handbag body 20'' is so cross-sectionally shaped that, in addition to presenting a downwardly directed U-shaped channel, it also includes an inner annular flange pierced to provide the fastener elements 29''; while the round frame 47 of the lining 21'', when, as is desirable, the same is made of a suitable plastic, allows embedment therein of the cooperating fastener elements 46, these also desirably metal tabs, but shown as having offset foot portions 48, for insuring tight anchorages for the fastener elements 46.

Also, the frame 47 may be molded so as to incorporate an annular groove as indicated at 49 in Fig. 14, for securement in said groove of the upper marginal portion of the main portion 36'' of the lining 21''; for instance, merely by arranging the upper marginal portion as shown, and then softening the plastic material to cause the same to flow slightly thereby securely to grip the upper marginal portion after setting. The round frame 44 of the outer handbag body 20'' has mounted on one side thereof a hinge leaf 45 for engagement by a complementary hinge leaf mounted on a cover, not shown, for the handbag.

While I have illustrated and described the preferred embodiments of my invention, it is to be understood that I do not limit myself to the precise constructions herein disclosed and the right is reserved to all changes and modifications coming within the scope of the invention as defined in the appended claims.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by United States Letters Patent is:

1. In a handbag or the like, an outer handbag body including a top frame, an interchangeable and renewable lining structure for said handbag body, and means for releasably joining the handbag body and lining structure including a plurality of projections and cooperating recesses, said projections being carried by said lining structure near the top thereof and said recesses being carried by said top frame, said top frame being, at least in part, of U-shaped cross-section, and said recesses being apertures through said frame, said apertures being elongated slots.

2. In a handbag or the like, an outer handbag body including a top frame, an interchangeable and renewable lining structure for said handbag body, and means for releasably joining the handbag body and lining structure including a plurality of projections and cooperating recesses, said projections being carried by said lining structure near the top thereof and said recesses being carried by said top frame, said top frame being, at

least in part, of U-shaped cross-section, and said recesses being apertures through said frame, each of said projections having a substantially flat tab portion.

3. In a handbag or the like, an outer handbag body including a top frame, an interchangeable and renewable lining structure for said handbag body, and means for releasably joining the handbag body and lining structure including a plurality of projections and cooperating recesses, said projections being carried by said lining structure near the top thereof and said recesses being carried by said top frame, said top frame being, at least in part, of U-shaped cross-section, and said recesses being apertures through said frame and each of said projections having a substantially flat tab portion, said tab portions being widened at a location inward from their free ends.

4. In a handbag or the like, an outer handbag body including a top frame, an interchangeable and renewable lining structure for said handbag body, and means for releasably joining the handbag body and lining structure including a plurality of projections and cooperating recesses, said projections being carried by said lining structure near the top thereof and said recesses being carried by said top frame, said top frame being, at least in part, of U-shaped cross-section, and said recesses being apertures through said frame and each of said projections having a substantially

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